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بِسۡمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحۡمٰنِ الرَّحِيۡمِ

الحمد للّٰہ رب العلمین والصلوۃ والسلام علی سید الانبیآء والمرسلین

A few days ago I happened to lead a Funeral Prayers of an individual and made a short speech on the Rights Of Parents. After the prayers an over 70 years elderly person took me into confidence, and told that since he transferred the whole of his property in the name of his children, he was feeling awfully miserable. He added, " my children have started hating me, at times they rebuke me and sometime they express their annoyance over my old age coughing at nights, so much so that even they ask to me quit the house and go else where".

Such unfortunate instances of maltreatment of parents have become so frequent and common today that it certainly sounds a lucid indication of proximity of *Qayamat* (Dooms Day-end of this world), when the off-springs shall reportedly start hating their parents and display love and affection to their friends.

Immediately on hearing this sad story, I prayed to All-Mighty Allah that He may enable me to compile forty *Ahadith* on PARENTS CHILDREN RELATIONSHIP because the Holy Prophet ﷺ has repeatedly emphasized the virtues &

merits of proper maintenance of this relationship. Keeping in view the prevalent circumstances where the parents are being mostly neglected and harassed by their children, I have initially chosen *Ahadith* which elucidate the Rights of Parents to be kept in mind by their children. I pray to All-Mighty Allah that this humble effort of mine, done in good faith, may prove beneficial to motivate us all to discharge our obligations as elucidated by the Holy Prophet ﷺ and in the *Ahadith* that follow.

Since the death of my parents I have been deprived of their blessings, and whenever I recollect my worthy parents I regret having missed such a wealth. I sincerely wish I had recognized their due status while they were alive, but now I vehemently desire to wake up the people and make them realize that parents are indeed a great blessing and their care with respect and regards, can make the life in this world and hereafter a Paradize.

I have personally witnessed that whosoever didn't care for the parents and proved a source

of annoyance and distress to them, was himself subjected to unbearable miseries and tortures in this very world before his death as explicitly cautioned by the Holy Prophet ﷺ

An Advice For Attention:

The unworthy individuals who didn't look after their parents and annoyed them while they were alive, if they are really repentful of their ill-conduct with the parents who are dead now, I would most humbly advise them:

1. They ought to seek forgiveness from Allah and recite *Istighfar* as much as possible.
2. They should, at all times, with or without ablution (*Wuzu*) recite the following prayer to seek Allah's Mercy for their parents:

   رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيٰنِيْ صَغِيْرًا

   "O' Allah, Have mercy on the twains (father & mother) as they brought me up when young".
3. They should arrange *Eisaal-e-Sawab* for their departed parents as often as possible; and should include their parents in reward of their *Nawafil* prayers.

The other side of the picture

It may be kept in mind that just as the parents have the rights over their children, the parents are also expected to look after their children

a) The parents are ordained to arrange for the education & proper personal grooming of their children from childhood.

b) While bringing up the children the parents ought to try hard that their children's life hereafter doesn't tend to be spoiled. This particular advise is felt necessary since the parents are often heard saying, "How the children shall survive after their death", but hardly few parents think as to what shall happen & what may be in store for their children in the world hereafter.

c) Try to equip the children with faculty of earning their livelihood alongwith spending the life according to *Shariha*. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has praised an individual who leaves definite sources of livelihood for his children & family at the time of his death.

Only short *Ahadith* have been selected for this booklet so that the readers may be able to learn them by heart, and earn the virtue & reward of learning forty *Ahadith*.

May All-Mighty Allah enable us all to act upon the Traditions of the Holy Prophet. ﷺ *Aamin*

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Parents are the pave-way to Paradise or Hell



عَنْ أَبِيْ أُمَامَةَ رضي الله عنه أَنَّ رَجُلاً قَالَ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم مَا حَقُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ عَلَى وَلَدِهِمَا قَالَ هُمَا جَنَّتُكَ وَنَارُكَ۔ (ابن ماجه)

It is recorded on authority of Ibi Umamah رضي الله عنه that a man asked the Holy Prophet, صلى الله عليه وسلم "What rights the parents had on their children." The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم answered, "Both are your Paradise and your Hell."

[Ibn-e-Maajja]

Note

So we should always keep in mind that obedience to parents and their service with love, compassion and due courtesy shall be the cause of entry of an individual to Paradise: and the regretful disobedience of parents and affliction of distress on them shall lead the individual to Hell. May Allah protect us from Hell.



2 Parents pleasure leads to Allah 's goodwill

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم رِضَى الرَّبِّ فِي رِضَى الْوَالِدِ وَسَخَطُ الرَّبِّ فِي سَخَطِ الْوَالِدِ. (رواه الترمذي)

Abdullah bin Omar رضي الله عنه relates that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "Allah's pleasure and approval are in the pleasure and approval of the parents, and Allah's anger lies in the displeasure of the parents".

[Tirmidhi]

Note

The Hadith under reference elucidates that the best source of earning Allah's goodwill is to seek the pleasure of one's parents. Allah's goodwill is obviously the best blessing, and disobedience of parents & their displeasure deprives an individual of earning Allah's goodwill. May Allah enable us to take care of our parents in order to earn his goodwill.

3 Mother has precedence over father



عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ رَجُلٌ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم مَنْ أَحَقُّ بِحُسْنِ صَحَابَتِي قَالَ أُمُّكَ ثُمَّ أُمُّكَ ثُمَّ أُمُّكَ ثُمَّ أَبَاكَ ثُمَّ أَدْنَاكَ فَأَدْنَاكَ۔ (متفق عليه)

Abu Hurayra said that a man asked the Holy Prophet "Who had the most priority to good treatment?" The Holy Prophet replied, "Your mother" The man asked, "And next to the mother?" The Holy Prophet said,"Yourmother." "And next again?" asked the man."Your mother", replied the Holy Prophet once more. "And next", the man persisted. "Your father", the Holy Prophet answered. [Agreed upon]

Note

It is learnt from the above statement of the Holy Prophet that service to mother has a precedence over father. At many occasions in the Holy Quran where parents rights & filial service to parents is emphasised, particular attention is invited to the pains & sufferings which the mother bears from pregnancy till milk-feeding period in infancy of the children, as a consequence of which the paradise is stated to be beneath the feet of the mother, as quoted in an other Hadith.



4 The unlucky person

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ قِيلَ مَنْ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ مَنْ أَدْرَكَ وَالِدَيْهِ عِنْدَ الْكِبَرِ أَوْ أَحَدَهُمَا ثُمَّ لَمْ يَدْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ. (مسلم شريف)

Abu Hurayra ﷺ tells us that on one occasion the Holy Prophet ﷺ remarked in a trance:"He is humbled,he is humbled, he is humbled!"The companions asked, "Who is humbled,O Prophet ofAllah?"The Holy Prophet ﷺ answered, "He who found his/her parents or one of them in old age, and yet did not enter Paradise (by serving them)."
[Muslim]

Note

Service to parents is obligatory at every age, particularly so when they grow old and becomedependent for most of their normal needs. The Gracious All-Mighty is really much pleased with an individual who takes special care of his/her old parents. If however, an individual doesn't bother to care for the old parents, he/she is certainly most unlucky to have opted for eternal condemnation in torturous Hell.

5 Service to parents has priority over optional Jihad



عَنْ عَبْدِاللّٰهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو رضی اللہ عنہ قَالَ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللّٰهِ ﷺ أُجَاهِدُ قَالَ أَلَكَ أَبَوَانِ قَالَ نَعَمْ قَالَ فَفِيهِمَا فَجَاهِدْ۔ (ابوداؤد)

We have learnt from Abdullah bin Omar رضی اللہ عنہ that a man came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and requested his permission to go on *Jihad*. The Holy Prophet ﷺ asked the man if his parents were alive. The man replied that they were. "Then," said the Holy Prophet ﷺ "Do *jihad* for them." (That is, strive to earn for parents and serve them in all that they need is also a form of *jihad*).

[Abu Dawood]

Note

In Hadith under reference the Holy Prophet ﷺ has explicitly stated that service to the needy parents is not only equivalent to JIHAD, but ought to be given preference if the parents are your dependents and really need your care.



6 Paradise lies beneath the feet of mother

عَنْ مُعَاوِيَةَ بْنِ جَاهِمَةَ أَنَّ جَاهِمَةَ ؓ جَاءَ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ فَقَالَ يَارَسُوْلَ اللهِ ﷺ أَرَدْتُّ أَنْ أَغْزُوَ وَقَدْ جِئْتُ أَسْتَشِيْرُكَ فَقَالَ هَلْ لَكَ مِنْ أُمٍّ قَالَ نَعَمْ قَالَ فَالْزَمْهَا فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ عِنْدَ رِجْلِهَا۔ (احمد والنسائی)

Mu'aviya bin Jahima reports that his father Jahima ؓ went to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said, "It is my intention to go on *jihad* and I have come to solicit your advice." The Holy Prophet ﷺ asked him whether his mother was alive. Jahima ؓ replied that she was. "Then keep yourself busy in her service because Paradise lies beneath her feet," The Holy Prophet ﷺ advised.

[Ahmad, Nisai, Baihaqi]

Note

In this Hadith the Holy Prophet ﷺ has categorically stated that if an individual's mother needs service, service to mother ought to be given priority even over the desire of participation in the virtuous deed of optional JIHAD.

7 Respectful conduct for mother's sister

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رضي الله عنه أَنَّ رَجُلًا أَتَى النَّبِيَّ ﷺ فَقَالَ
يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ ﷺ إِنِّي أَصَبْتُ ذَنْبًا عَظِيمًا فَهَلْ لِي
مِنْ تَوْبَةٍ قَالَ هَلْ لَكَ مِنْ أُمٍّ قَالَ لَا قَالَ وَهَلْ
لَكَ مِنْ خَالَةٍ قَالَ نَعَمْ قَالَ فَبِرَّهَا۔ (ترمذی)

Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه reports that a man came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "I have committed a very great sin and I wonder if it can be forgiven".The Holy Prophet ﷺ asked, "Have you a mother?" The man answered that he had lost his mother. "Then, is her sister alive?" Sked the Holy Prophet ﷺ "She is."The man said. "Then go and treat her well", the Holy Prophet ﷺ advised. *[Tirmidhi]*

Note

According to this Hadith, serving the parents, mother in particular, is the best source of seeking salvation & forgiveness of grave sins. However, if the mother is not alive, then one ought to respect & serve mother's sister for repentance of sins and seeking forgiveness from Allah.





8 Treatment with non-Muslim parents

عَنْ أَسْمَاءَ بِنْتِ أَبِي بَكْرٍ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَتْ قَدِمَتْ عَلَيَّ أُمِّي
وَهِيَ مُشْرِكَةٌ فِي عَهْدِ قُرَيْشٍ فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ إِنَّ
أُمِّي قَدِمَتْ عَلَيَّ وَهِيَ رَاغِبَةٌ أَفَأَصِلُهَا قَالَ نَعَمْ صِلِيهَا. (متفق عليه)

Asma bint Abu Bakr As-Siddiq ﷺ narrates: My mother came to me, while she was still a polytheist. I asked the Messenger of Allah, "My mother who is ill-disposed to Islam, has come to visit me. She wants something from me. Shall I show her affection? The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied: Yes, be benevolent towards your mother. *[Agreed upon]*

Note

The reference quoted above establishes that it is obligatory for a Muslim to treat parents with courtesy &respect even though they may be polytheists or pagans. Their sinful & infidel wishes leading to violation of the basic ordains of Allah must not be however obeyed, but still the treatment metted out to the parents ought to remain most respectful, compassionate & consoling



9 Respectful & courteous treatment with father's brother



عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يَصِلَ أَبَاهُ فِيْ قَبْرِهِ فَلْيَصِلْ إِخْوَانَ أَبِيْهِ بَعْدَهُ (رواه ابن حبان)

Abdullah Bin Umar رضي الله عنه states that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "One who desires to be a source of solace for the deceased father in grave, ought to treat his father's brothers with respect & regard".

[In Jabban]

Note

In this particular reference it is advised to show proper respect & care to the father's brothers as a token of regard for the departed father, while in other Ahadith It is stated that after the death of the parents it is obligatory for the children to pay due regards & care to all close relatives & even friends of both father & mother.







10 Respect & regards for father's friends

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم إِنَّ مِنْ أَبَرِّ الْبِرِّ صِلَةُ الرَّجُلِ أَهْلَ وُدِّ أَبِيهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ يُوَلِّيَ -

(رواه مسلم)

Ibn-e-Umar رضي الله عنه said that he heard the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم of Allah saying: "The finest act of goodness & virtue is to treat the friends & associates of the late father with affection & regards".

[Muslim]

Note

This Hadith elaborates that continuation of respectful treatment & good behaviour with father's friends & acquaintances after the death of father, is reckoned as part of fulfillment of the rights of father.





Extension of Life



عَنْ جَابِرٍ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم إِنَّ اللهَ يَزِيْدُ فِيْ عُمْرِ الرَّجُلِ بِبِرِّهِ وَالِدَيْهِ۔ (رواه ابن منيع)

It is stated by Jabir رضي الله عنه that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Allah blesses an individual with longevity if he/she sincerely serves the parents with due regards & respect.

[Ibn-e-Munbba]

Note

It may always be kept in mind that faithful obedience to parents fetches Allah's blessings, inclusive of longevity in the lifespan of the individual, while failure to serve the parents with respect & regards tends to invite the wrath of Allah thus inviting miseries of death in this world.







12 Obedience of parents fetches obedient children

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِرُّوا آبَائَكُمْ يَبَرَّ أَبْنَاءُكُمْ وَاعْفُوا تَعِفَّ نِسَاءُكُمْ۔ (رواه الطبراني)

Ibn-e-Umar رضي الله عنه states that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Serve your parents with respect; your children shall also serve you with regard, Remain pious in your conduct, your women shall remain faithful to you".

[Tibrani]

Note

This Hadith elucidates that respectful treatment & service to your parents shall be immediately responded by similar treatment with you by your children; and unadulterated pious personal conduct fetches faithfulness & sincerity among your family women



13 Disobedience of Parents is a grave sin



عَنْ أَنَسٍ رضی اللہ عنہ قَالَ سُئِلَ النَّبِيُّ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم عَنِ الْكَبَائِرِ فَقَالَ اَلْإِشْرَاكُ بِاللّٰهِ وَعُقُوقُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَقَتْلُ النَّفْسِ وَ شَهَادَةُ الزُّوْرِ۔ (بخاری)

Anas رضی اللہ عنہ states that when the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم was asked about the grave sins, he said, "(1) Associating partners with Allah. (2) being disobedient & insolent to parents, (3) to kill a human being without j ustified reason, and (4) to become a false witness to an unwitnessed incident". *[Bokhari]*

Note

The grave sins quoted in the reference above are listed in the same sequence in another Hadith in Sahih Bokhari as well; which reflects that disobedience of parents is only next to Shirk, (i.e. Association partner with All-Mighty Allah) and is reckoned even more grave than killing a person unlawfully.



14 Service to parents earns the goodwill of Allah

وعن عبد الله ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه قال سألت النبي ﷺ أي العمل أحب إلى الله تعالى قال "ألصلوة على وقتها" قلت ثم أي قال "بر الوالدين" قلت ثم أي قال "ألجهاد في سبيل الله" (متفق عليه)

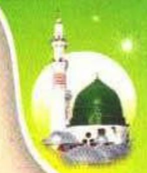
Abdullah Ibn-e-Masood رضي الله عنه states that in reply to my question as to what act is most pleasing to Allah, the Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, "The prayer at its proper time." I enquired, "What is the next?" The Holy Prophet ﷺ remarked, "good treatment afforded to parents". On further query, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,"Jihad in the way of Allah".

[Agreed upon]

Note

Service to parents is an act that greatly pleases All-Mighty Allah, and is thus the best way to earn Allah's goodwill. Allah's goodwill is indeed the best reward bestowed upon those who serve their parents with humility.

15 Can one really fulfil the rights of parents ?



عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم لَا يَجْزِي وَلَدٌ وَالِدًا إِلَّا أَنْ يَجِدَهُ مَمْلُوكًا فَيَشْتَرِيَهُ فَيُعْتِقَهُ

(رواه مسلم)

Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه reported that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم had said, “No son can repay for the service of his father except that if ever he finds him a slave, he buys him, and then gets him emancipated.

[Muslim]

Note

We must therefore realise that simple service to the parents is just not enough, but we must always remain prepared to come to their rescue if ever they fall in some serious trouble.







16 Mother's sister ought to be respected like real mother

عَنِ الْبَرَاءِ رضی اللہ عنہ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم قَالَ أَلْخَالَةُ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الْأُمِّ ۔ (ترمذی)

Hadrat Bara رضی اللہ عنہ narrates that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said, "Mother's sister is (to be treated) like real mother."

[Tirmidhi]

Note

This Hadith advises that mother's sister ought to be treated with affectionate care & regard like real mother. It is also desired that other similarly close relations of parents as well to be given due respect & care.



17 Father is the Central Gateway to Paradise



عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ رضي الله عنه سَمِعْتُ رَسُوْلَ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم يَقُوْلُ الْوَالِدُ أَوْسَطُ أَبْوَابِ الْجَنَّةِ فَإِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَضِعْ ذَالِكَ الْبَابَ أَوْ أَحْفَظْهُ۔ (ترمذی)

Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه said that he heard the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: "Of the gates of Paradise, father is the Central Gate. It is now up to you to lose it or to protect it."
[Tirmidhi]

Note

What a reflection of the Benevolence of All-Mighty Allah! It is worth realising that if service to father entitles an individual for entry into Paradise through the Central Gate, indeed much better would be in store for serving mother who has an acknowledged prior right of service by the children? Indeed highly blessed are those who serve their parents with love & affection.



18 Children's invocation for their departed parents

عَنْ أَبِي هُـرَيْـرَةَ رضي الله عنه عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَتُرْفَعُ دَرَجَتُهُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ فَيَقُولُ أَنَّى هٰذَا فَيُقَالُ بِاسْتِغْفَارِ وَلَدِكَ لَكَ۔ (ابن ماجه مختصرًا)

Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "At times the status of a devolee is raised in Paradise; and he asks Oh My Lord, whence is this elevation from? The Lord tells him, "It is on account of the invocation your son has made for you."

[Ibn-e-Maaja]

Note

Here we are taught a way to pay back the rights of the departed parents by invoking Allah's mercy to forgive them. My spiritual guide Dr. Abdul Hye (RA) told us that he always beseeched to Allah to divert the award of his non-obligatory prayers to his parents.



19 Reward of service to mother

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رضي الله عنها قَالَتْ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم نِمْتُ فَرَأَيْتُنِي فِي الْجَنَّةِ فَسَمِعْتُ فِيهَا قِرَاءَةً فَقُلْتُ مَنْ هٰذَا قَالُوا حَارِثَةُ بْنُ نُعْمَانَ كَذٰلِكُمُ الْبِرُّ وَكَانَ أَبَرَّ النَّاسِ بِأُمِّهِ

(رواه البغوي والبيهقي)

Syeda Aaisha رضي الله عنها states that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "While asleep I heard the Holy Quran being recited in Heavens; and on query I was told that Hurisa Bin Noman was reciting the Holy Quran in Heavens because he used to be extremelyrespectful & obedient to his mother in life".

[Baihaqi]

Note

What a blessing for those who respect & serve their mothers in life. Those whose mothers are alive ought to earn such great blessings of Allah by sincerely devoting themselves in service of their mothers (and fathers as well).





20 Disobedience to parents can be waved off

عَنْ أَنَسٍ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ لَيَمُوْتُ وَالِدَاهُ أَوْ أَحَدُهُمَا وَإِنَّهُ لَهُمَا لَعَاقٌّ فَلَا يَزَالُ يَدْعُوْ لَهُمَا وَيَسْتَغْفِرُ لَهُمَا حَتّٰى يَكْتُبَهُ اللهُ بَارًّا

(رواه البيهقي في شعب الايمان)

Anas رضي الله عنه reports the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم as saying: "Sometimes it so happens that after the parents die, their child who had been disobedient during their life-time and used to harass them; begins to pray for them and beseech forgiveness for them; in appreciation of which Allah categorises him in the list of those who were obedient to their parents in life.

[Baihaqi]

Note

A way out for those who had been disobedient & insolent to their parents, is to beseech to Allah for forgiveness of their departed parents. The Most Benevolent Allah may categorize such children in the list of obedient children.

21 To abuse parents is a grievous sin

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم مِنَ الْكَبَائِرِ شَتْمُ الرَّجُلِ وَالِدَيْهِ قَالُوْا يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم وَهَلْ يَشْتِمُ الرَّجُلُ وَالِدَيْهِ قَالَ نَعَمْ يَسُبُّ أَبَا الرَّجُلِ فَيَسُبُّ أَبَاهُ وَيَسُبُّ أُمَّهُ فَيَسُبُّ أُمَّهُ (رواه البخاري ومسلم)

As narrated by Abdullah Bin Umar رضي الله عنه the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “To abuse ones parents is an extremely grave sin.” The fellows of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم questioned, “How can an individual abuse him/her own parents?” The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم replied, “If a person abuses the parents of another person, he is responded in return with abuse to his parents by the other person.”
[Bokhari, Muslim]

Note

What a chaste lesson given to Muslim in this Hadith! One must not only respect ones own parents but must also be polite & respectful to the parents of others as well to avoid retaliation of others against ones own parents.



22 The reward of an approved pilgrimage

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمَا أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللّٰهِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ مَا مِنْ وَلَدٍ بَارٍّ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى وَالِدَيْهِ نَظْرَةَ رَحْمَةٍ إِلَّا كَتَبَ اللّٰهُ لَهُ بِكُلِّ نَظْرَةٍ حَجَّةً مَبْرُورَةً قَالُوا وَإِنْ نَظَرَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ مِائَةَ مَرَّةٍ قَالَ اللّٰهُ أَكْبَرُ وَأَطْيَبُ.

(رواه البيهقي في شعب الإيمان)

It is on recorded on the authority of Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Every time one who treats his parents handsomely, looks at them with compassion in his eyes, Allah writes for him the reward of an approved pilgrimage. *(haj).*" The companions asked, "Even if one looks at one's parents a hundred times in the day?" The Holy Prophet ﷺ answered,"Yes, Allah is the Greatest & Most pious. (None can stop Him from doing whatever He wishes to do).

[Baihaqi]

Note

Allah is indeed Most Pious &Compassionate! This Hadith is worth being read & pondered again & again. What a reward for just glancing over the parents with love &regards! This noble jester repeated 100 times a day shall fetch the reward of 100 approved pilgrimage of the Holy Ka'aba. What a pity if still one may not realise to avail of the Most Gracious Allah's infinite blessings.



23 Three accepted prayers

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم ثَلَاثُ دَعَوَاتٍ مُسْتَجَابَاتٌ لَا شَكَّ فِيهِنَّ دَعْوَةُ الْوَالِدِ وَدَعْوَةُ الْمُسَافِرِ وَدَعْوَةُ الْمَظْلُومِ (ترمذی، ابوداؤد)

Abu Hurayra رضي الله عنه has quoted the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم as saying "Three prayers are always heard: (i) a father's prayer for his children; (ii) a traveller's prayer; and (iii) the prayer of one who is wronged & victimised".

[Tirmazi, Abu Dawood]

Note

Mention is made of father only in this Hadith, while in other Ahadith mother is also mentioned which means, parents invocation for their children are always accepted by Allah. One must therefore always remain humble & respectful to ones parents, and bow to them in order seek their blessings at all times.



24 Respect for father

وَعَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہَا قَالَتْ أَتٰی رَجُلٌ رَسُوْلَ اللّٰہِ صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیْہِ وَسَلَّمَ وَمَعَہٗ شَیْخٌ فَقَالَ مَنْ ھٰذَا مَعَکَ قَالَ أَبِیْ قَالَ لَا تَمْشِیَنَّ أَمَامَہٗ وَلَا تَقْعُدْ قَبْلَہٗ وَلَا تَدْعُہٗ بِاسْمِہٖ وَلَا تَسْتَبَّ لَہٗ۔ (درمنثور)

It is recorded on the authority of the Syeda Ayesha رضی اللہ عنہا that a young man accompanied by an elder called on the Holy Prophet. ﷺ The Holy Prophet ﷺ asked the young who the elder was. "He is my father, " the young man answered.The Holy Prophet ﷺ advised him, "Always be considerate to your father and honour him. Do not walk ahead of him, nor sit before he sits down, nor address him by name nor abuse anyone because of him."

[Durr-e-Mansoor]

Note

This solo Hadith could have been enough to make us realise that Most Gracious All-Mighty expects us to display extreme respect & regard for our parents. Just imagine how unwise are those who mistreat their parents not realising for the consequence they shall have to face for this ill-conduct.

25 Augmentation of Age & Income

عَنْ أَنَسٍ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يَمُدَّ اللهُ فِي عُمُرِهِ وَيَزِيْدَ فِي رِزْقِهِ فَلْيَبَرَّ وَالِدَيْهِ وَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ۔ (رواه البيهقي)

Anas reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "He who desires thathis life-span & wealth may increase, he should treat his parents magnificently and other relatives with benign compassion."

[Baihaqi]

Note

Being respectful & considerate to parents not only fetches Allah's blessing in the world hereafter, but also earns augmentation of life & wealth in this world. Taking care of parents & spending for their health & welfare brings multifold dividends in this world & hereafter.





26 Service to parents is a deed in the way of Allah

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ مَرَّ رَجُلٌ لَهُ جِسْمٌ يَعْنِي خَلْقًا فَقَالُوْا لَوْ كَانَ هٰذَا فِي سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَعَلَّهُ يَكُدُّ عَلٰى أَبَوَيْنِ شَيْخَيْنِ كَبِيْرَيْنِ فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ. (رواه البيهقي مختصراً)

Ibn Omar ﷺ relates that when a lean & thin man passed by near the congregation of Holy Prophets ﷺ followers, someone remarked,"Ah, how good would it have been if only thisman had grown lean because of striving in the path of Allah." The Holy Prophet ﷺ remarked,"It may be that the man had become weak and emaciated because of labouring to look after his aged parents, since that too is reckoned to have been in the path of Allah. *[Baihaqi]*

Note

It stands established from this Hadith that time & health consumed in service of parents is reckoned as an act in the way of Allah. Indeed extremely lucky are those who endeavour to provide comfort & ease to their parents.





Service to parents has priority even over Hijrat



عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ ابْنِ عَمْرٍو رضي الله عنه قَالَ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم يُبَايِعُهُ عَلَى الْهِجْرَةِ فَقَالَ إِنِّي جِئْتُ أُبَايِعُكَ عَلَى الْهِجْرَةِ وَتَرَكْتُ أَبَوَيَّ يَبْكِيَانِ فَقَالَ ارْجِعْ إِلَيْهِمَا فَأَضْحِكْهُمَا كَمَا أَبْكَيْتَهُمَا۔

(رواہ ابوداؤد والنسائی)

Abdullah bin Omar رضي الله عنه reports: A man presented himself before the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying that he had come to take an oath that he would migrate, and added that he had left his parents in tears because he was intending to depart from them. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم told him to go back to them and make them smile just as he had left them in tears.

[Abu Dawood, Nisaee]

Note

Denial of permission for Hijrat for the sake of service & consolation of the parents ought to be ample eye-opener for those who do not care to look after their parents. Neglecting parents is invoking the wrath of All-Mighty Allah, which much be avoided in one's own interest in this world & hereafter.



28 Reward of keeping parents happy

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ لَنَوْمُكَ عَلَى السَّرِيرِ بَيْنَ وَالِدَيْكَ تُضْحِكُهُمَا وَيُضْحِكَانِكَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ جِهَادِكَ بِالسَّيْفِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللهِ.

(رواه البيهقي)

Ibn Omar رضي الله عنهما relates that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Your sleeping on the bed between your parents in such a way that you make them laugh with joy and they make you laugh is better than your struggle with a sword *(Jihad)* in Allah's path."

[Baihaqi]

Note

This Hadith most beautifully states that it is for more desired to keep your parents pleased and happy than to go to Jihad in the way of Allah. Fortunate are those who spend their time with their parents and look after them.



Even the slightest jester of rudeness to parents is condemnable







Syed Aisha relates that the Holy Prophet said, "An individual who just glances at the parents with rude looks has committed a misconduct with parents."

[Baihaqi]

Note

This Hadith cautious that even the slightest jester of rude behaviour with parents earns ill-will of Allah, and must therefore be avoided in ones own interest.





The consequences of disobedience to parents are faced in this world



عَنْ أَبِي بَكْرَةَ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم كُلُّ الذُّنُوبِ يَغْفِرُ اللهُ مِنْهَا مَا شَاءَ إِلَّا عُقُوقَ الْوَالِدَيْنِ فَإِنَّهُ يُعَجِّلُ لِصَاحِبِهِ فِي الْحَيٰوةِ قَبْلَ الْمَمَاتِ۔

(رواہ البیہقی فی شعب الایمان)

Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه has stated that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "Allah forgives all sins except the sin of offending parents; and offending them is a sin that He punishes in this very world as well before death.

[Baihaqi]

Note

This Hadith cautions that if some one happens to be disobedient to one's parents and misbehaves with them, he will not die unless he tastes the miseries & torture in this world. I have personally observed countless examples of such children who were disobedient to their parents and had to undergo unimaginable problems and miseries before their death. May Allah guide us to the right path.

وبالوالدین احسانا

31 Deprival of entry into Paradise



عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ ابْنِ عَمْرٍو رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم
لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنَّانٌ وَلَا عَاقٌّ وَلَا مُدْمِنُ خَمْرٍ
(رواه النسائي)

Abdullah bin Omar رضي الله عنه has reported that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "He who publically talks about having done an obligation, and he who ill treats his parents, and he who takes intoxicants habitually shall not enter Paradise."

[Nisaee]

Note

What a pity on those who shall be deprived of entry into Paradise just because they had been disobedient to their parents & didn't care for them in life.









Prayers for forgiveness of the parents after their death

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رضي الله عنه قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم إِذَا مَاتَ الْإِنْسَانُ إِنْقَطَعَ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلٰثَةٍ إِلَّا مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُوْلَهُ.

(رواه مسلم)

Abu Hurayra (RA) tells us that the Holy Prophet (SAW) said: “When a man dies all his deeds come to an end; but there are three deeds the benefits of which continue after him. (i) "*sadqa-e-jariyah* or perpetuating charity; (ii) knowledge from which people continue to benefit; and (iii) virtuous noble children who pray for them.”

[Muslim]

Note

Noble off springs can continue to serve their parents in graves by invoking Allah for their forgiveness at all times of prayers.



33 Charity by off-springs can benefit the dead parents

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رضي الله عنهما أَنَّ رَجُلًا قَالَ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ ﷺ إِنَّ أُمِّي تُوُفِّيَتْ وَلَمْ تُوْصِ أَفَيَنْفَعُهَا أَنْ أَتَصَدَّقَ عَنْهَا قَالَ نَعَمْ.

(رواه البخاري في ادب المفرد)

Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنهما narrates: “A man came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said, “My mother has passed away. If I give any charity on her behalf, will it be of benefit toher?”“Yes, it will benefit her”, the Holy Prophet ﷺ confirmed.

[Bukhari]

Note

This Holy Prophetic tradition establishes that if some one spends money in the way of Allah its Sawab certainly reaches his parents in the world hereafter and they benefit from it.









Longevity is granted for obedience to parents

عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ أَنَسٍ رضي الله عنه أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ مَنْ بَرَّ وَالِدَيْهِ طُوبَى لَهُ زَادَ اللهُ فِي عُمُرِهِ (رواه ابو يعلى والطبراني)

Hadhrat Ma'az Bin Anas رضي الله عنه repeats that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Allah grants extension in the age of an individual who makes a good turn to his/her parents with love & regards".

[AbuYaala, Tibrani]

Note

A good & courteous conduct with parents earns extension in life-span of the noble off-springs. May Allah make us all realise the virtuous rewards by taking care of our parents with love & regards.



35 Cause of Allah's curse





Hadrat Ali رضي الله عنه stated that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “One who curses the parents, is himself cursed by Allah”.
[Muslim]

Note

Misbehaving with parents and hurting their feelings by using abusive language earns curse of All-Mighty Allah for the unworthy individual himself.







36 Gates of Paradize remain open for those obedient to parents

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رضی اللہ عنہما قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللّٰہِ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مُطِيعًا لِلّٰهِ فِي وَالِدَيْهِ أَصْبَحَ لَهُ بَابَانِ مَفْتُوحَانِ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ وَإِنْ كَانَ وَاحِدًا فَوَاحِدٌ۔

(رواہ البیہقی مختصراً)

Ibn Abbas رضی اللہ عنہ stated that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم aid, "He who passes the night in the condition of obedience to his parents has both the doors of paradise open to him; and if there be only one parent alive, and the son passes the night in obedience of him (or her), he has one door of paradise open to him in the morning."

[Baihaqi]

Note

The Holy Prophetic tradition vividly elaborates that the parents are like gates of Heavens, and whosoever keeps his parents happy with obedience, will enter the paradise easily. It is not a difficult job. May Allah give us understanding.

37 Respect for foster mother



Abu Tufail reports: "I saw the Holy Prophet distributing meat at a place in Jarrana when a woman came and made her way to the Holy Prophet spread his own cloak-sheet for her to sit on.Seeing this I asked one near to me as to who the lady might be. I was told me that lady was the foster mother who had nursed the Holy Prophet when he was aninfant."

[Abu Dawood]

Note

The lady under reference was reportedly Haleema Sa'adia who had nursed the Holy Prophet during his infancy; and therefore the tradition expects the foster mother to be treated with great respect.



38 Children & their wealth belong to the parents

عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ شُعَيْبٍ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ جَدِّهِ قَالَ أَتَى
أَعْرَابِيٌّ رَسُولَ اللهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ إِنَّ أَبِي يُرِيدُ أَنْ
يَجْتَاحَ مَالِي قَالَ أَنْتَ وَمَالُكَ لِوَالِدِكَ إِنَّ أَطْيَبَ
مَا أَكَلْتُمْ مِنْ كَسْبِكُمْ وَإِنَّ أَمْوَالَ أَوْلَادِكُمْ مِنْ
كَسْبِكُمْ فَكُلُوهُ هَنِيئًا۔ (مسند احمد)

Umro Bin Shoaib ﷺ narrates from his grand father that a villager came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said, "My father intends to finish the whole my wealth". The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, "You and your wealth belong to your father. Indeed the best & most sacred is the wealth that you earn yourself, and your children's wealth is also your own labour and therefore you may also spend it as you wish".
[Masnd-e-Ahmad]

Note

This Hadith certifies that the wealth & property of the children really belong to their parents, and they have to right to utilize it as they may wish.

Imprecation of Jibraeel-e-Amin & endorsement by the Holy Prophet ﷺ



عن كعب بن عجرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله ﷺ أحضروا المنبر فحضرنا فقال إن جبريل عرض لي فقال بعد من أدرك أبويه الكبر أو أحدهما فلم يدخلاه الجنة قلت آمين۔ (رواه حاكم)

Ka'ab Bin Ujra رضي الله عنه states that once the Holy Prophet ﷺ asked us all to come close to the rostum, and when we collected near the Holy Prophet ﷺ he told us that Jibraeel (*AS*) came to him, and he said, "May he perish who found both parents or one of them alive in old age, but could not earn Paradize for him; and I endosed the imprecation of Jibraeel. *[Muslim]*

Note

Just imagin the gravity of the caution, when the supreme Chief the angles Jabrail-e-Amin prays for curse on those who may not be able to earn goodwill of their parents, and the best of the creation the Holy Prophet ﷺ endorses it. We must therefore protect ourselves from this curse by trying hard to serve our parents to the best of our capacity.



40 Service to parents is no less than optional pilgrimage

وَعَنْ أَنَسٍ رضي الله عنه أَتَى رَجُلٌ رَسُولَ اللهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ إِنِّي أَشْتَهِي الْجِهَادَ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ عَلَيْهِ فَقَالَ هَلْ بَقِيَ أَحَدٌ مِنْ وَالِدَيْكَ؟ قَالَ أُمِّي قَالَ فَاتَّقِ اللهَ مِنْهَا فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ ذَالِكَ فَأَنْتَ حَاجٌّ وَمُعْتَمِرٌ وَمُجَاهِدٌ فَإِذَا دَعَتْكَ وَأُمُّكَ فَاتَّقِ اللهَ وَبِرَّهَا۔

(كذا في در المنثور)

Anas رضي الله عنه stated that a man came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said, "I should like to take part in *Jihad* but I don't possess the ability to do so." Possibly the man might have been physically weak, or had some defective limb. The Holy Prophet asked him whether his parents were still living. The man said that his mother was alive. "Then," the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Fear Allah in respect of your mother." (That is, devote yourself to her service). When you do so, you will have performed the pilgrimages of *Haj* and *Umra* and also *jihad*; and when your mother calls you, fear Allah (by responding to her voice; do not disregard her), and let your treatment of her by very handsome." *[Baihaqi]*

Note

The pilgrimage of Haj & Umra are the acts of jihad which really call for a lot of self-sacrifices & money, while looking after the parents with love & regard is a simple noble conduct expected of obedient & respectful children; yet the two acts are reckoned equivalent in reward. This vividly elucidates the extreme desirability of service to parents to earn the goodwill of All-Mighty Allah.

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